

The Olde Pink House

Restaurant and Planters Tavern

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Seventeen seventy-one, the opening of the Habersham House – later called “The Olde Pink House” when the soft native brick began to bleed through the plastered walls and mysteriously changed the color of the Habersham house from white to Jamaican pink.

A National Landmark, Savannah’s stately Georgian Mansion facing Reynolds Square has an exciting history. Built on land granted by the crown of England, James Habersham Jr. lived in his mansion from 1771 to 1800. This wealthy planter’s home held many secret meetings which helped to secure the independence of the 13 colonies from England.

Vaults of money ~ a new sound to echo in the halls of Habersham House. In 1811 the Pink House became the Planter’s Bank, the first bank in Georgia, and housed the monies of all the colonists. Still in operation today the massive cast-iron vaults with dungeon like doors are used as wine cellars. The front portico, vaults room were added during the Planter’s Banks’ tenure.

Alarming sounds led Sherman’s march to the Habersham house. Generals after Sherman Savannah as a Christmas Lincoln. General York set Olde Pink Mansion and made history.



of guns and cannons the sea. The halls of opened to military presented the city of gift to President up headquarters in the the rooms once again

Neglected, the house changed hands many times after the War between the States ~ attorney’s office, bookstore, colonial tea room ~ suffering decay and neglect, but always impressive standing alone with whispers of the past hidden in her crumbling walls.

News in 1992 ~ The Sound of Restoration in Savannah ~ The William Balish Family ~ native Charlestonians ~ purchased the Habersham House and all its ghosts and began a major project to remove the decaying walls, restore the sagging building, research its past and reconstruct it to its original grandeur; thus, beginning another new era for this grand old house.

Again the ageless Halls of Habersham echo the pleasure of dining by candlelight as James Habersham, Jr. enjoyed in 1771. The ghosts of the past walk freely with you on your visit through the elegant rooms, vault wine cellars, up the fine staircases, or down for a drink by the massive Planters Tavern Fires.

Habersham House ~ history revisited.